

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method for immunizing an infant ~~mammal~~human against a target antigen, comprising inoculating the infant ~~mammal~~human with an effective amount of a naked recombinant nucleic acid encoding a relevant epitope of the target antigen in a pharmaceutically effective carrier, such that the therapeutically effective amount of the relevant epitope is expressed in the infant ~~mammal~~human, and wherein the infant ~~mammal~~human is ~~immunized~~ inoculated within the age of birth to one month.
2. (Currently amended) A method for inducing a cytotoxic T cell response against a pathogen in an infant ~~mammal~~human, comprising inoculating the infant ~~mammal~~human with an effective amount of a naked recombinant nucleic acid encoding more than one relevant epitope of one or more target antigen associated with the pathogen in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, such that the therapeutically effective amounts of the relevant epitopes are expressed in the infant ~~mammal~~human, and wherein the infant ~~mammal~~human is ~~immunized~~ inoculated within the age of birth to one month.
3. (Cancelled).